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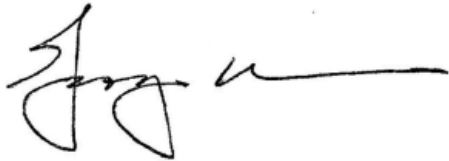
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Smart Parks Safety & Technology initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lancaster, located at 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534.

The funding would modernize park infrastructure through installation of smart LED lighting, emergency call stations, integrated safety poles, and centralized monitoring systems designed to improve visibility, safety, and operational efficiency. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The project has a federal nexus because directly addresses a critical need for public green space and recreational facilities in Lancaster's Westside, where 40% of residents currently lack access to parks. By creating a safe, well-designed park with sustainable features, the project will improve public safety, enhance community health, and provide a space for residents to gather and engage in physical activities. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



George Whitesides (CA27)
Member of Congress